

### Colorful Show Entertains Army Patients

Another of the colorful and entertaining shows that the Army hospital at Torrance is noted for was held at the hospital last night before a packed Recreation Hall audience. Headlining the cast of prominent performers was Renee de Marco, world-famous dancer, who has completed a busy season of entertaining at service camps and posts all along the coast. Renee's dancing routines in which she was accompanied by Jody Hutchinson and the Four Escorts, were loudly applauded and cheered by the disabled Torrance boys.

Vivian Marshall, motion-picture starlet and comic singing hit, also brought forth long and loud cheers, as did Rose Triola and her accordion specialties, Eddie Garr and his hilarious routines, and the singing of Bill Oliver.

Additional grand entertainment for the boys at the hospital is being planned for the Christmas week by Lt. Robert M. Eaton and Corporal Shafran of the hospital's special service office.

Nationally there was one fatal accident for every 358 families in 1943. One out of every three families had a disabling injury and the cost per family averaged \$141.00.

### Postal Notes of Small Denomination Will go on Sale in Torrance Soon

Postal Notes, new and inexpensive type of money order, may be on sale at all of the 1,575 first class post offices by approximately Jan. 1, 1945, Postmaster C. Earl Conner has announced.

The new type of money order will be made available to post offices other than of the first class as rapidly as adequate stocks of Postal Notes come from the presses. However, from the beginning they may be cashed at any post office in the United States.

Eighteen denominations of stamps will be issued in connection with the Postal Notes. They are 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 20c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c and 90c. There will be 11 denominations of notes: 0, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9 and \$10.

The United States had Postal Notes from 1884 to 1894. They were limited, however, to fixed amounts and inasmuch as they were payable to bearer, they lacked the security of the conventional money order.

The new Postal Note is designed as a safe, convenient and economical way of sending through the mails amounts of money not exceeding \$10. Simplified methods of sale and accounting makes it possible to handle the notes at a uniform fee of five cents. The conven-



BACK IN U.S. . . . Dexter Brodie, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Petty, 1504 Amapola ave., is back in the United States after having been wounded in action in France, according to word received here. He is expected at home soon.

tional money order is not being displaced by the new note.

This is the procedure that will be followed when Postal Notes become available: A person who wants a Postal Note for \$2.93 will go to the money order window. The clerk will affix a 90c and a 3c stamp to a \$2 Postal Note, and exchange the note for \$2.98. There are no applications for the purchaser to fill out, no writing to be done by the clerk. The purchaser leaves the window, writes in the name of the payee on the note, detaches his record stub on which he records the payee's name, and mails the Postal Note. The note itself is a pre-punched calculating card form.

Postal Notes of fixed denominations, not exceeding \$10, have been authorized by law since 1911. An amendment to the law was approved June 28, 1944, which removed the limitation of "fixed denominations" and fixed two calendar months from the date of issue as the period of validity.

### Finishes Marines' Infantry School

Marine Private Jay Klimesmith, son of Jay B. Klimesmith, of Torrance, has been graduated from the Infantry School at Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, Calif.

He will be assigned to an infantry combat battalion.

### James Petty Is Recovering from Wounds

Pfc. James Petty, son of Mrs. Ethel Petty, of 2227 S. Vermont ave., Torrance, is making satisfactory recovery from wounds received in action in France recently.

The soldier was in one of the big battles during October when he was wounded. He came to Torrance from Oklahoma in August, 1943.

### County Area Building Shows Big Increase

Building figures for 11 months of the current year in the unincorporated areas of the county show approximately a 75 per cent gain in valuation over the same period last year, the monthly report of the County Department of Building and Safety revealed today.

So far this year the valuation of permits issued amounts to \$29,115,082, as compared with \$16,621,332 for the same period

last year. During November 1,321 permits were issued with a total value of \$1,396,350. They included 191 new one-story dwellings with a valuation of \$465,445.

**TRAFFIC DEATHS DOWN**  
Although traffic deaths have increased in 30 states and five states show no change, California has decreased its traffic toll by 40 per cent.

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